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Honorable Colleen Kollar-Kotelly,  
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Microsoft needs to be fairly punished for its anticompetitive and monopolistic behavior. The current settlement proposed by the U.S. Government and Microsoft is woefully inadequate. The abandoned proposal to break-up Microsoft into two or more companies would have advanced the goal of restoring innovation and competition in the marketplace.

When I buy a personal computer today, I can choose between several manufacturers ( HP, Sony, IBM, Gateway, Compaq etc.) and the internal chips are manufactured by either Intel or Amdahl. [These choices exclude Apple Computer, Inc., which is at most, a niche player in the personal computer business.] When it comes to choosing a suite of applications (word processor, spreadsheet etc.) the only viable choice for the rank and file user is Microsoft Office. This automatically limits my operating system choice to one manufacturer, Microsoft - Windows XP or Windows 2000. Why couldn't I choose a Linux operating system and get Microsoft Office as an application suite? Because that would create competition for Microsoft's operating system. This competition would, in turn, create innovation in the marketplace. We might find that Sun Microsystems might offer it's operating system for personal computers if Microsoft Office were ported to that operating system.

This is why Microsoft felt it had to illegally attack Netscape. Netscape was becoming so powerful/popular that innovative companies were beginning to write word processor and spreadsheet applications that would work directly within the browser - Netscape Navigator. If this trend were allowed to continue, American consumers would have been able to actually choose the operating system that would be installed on their personal computer. If Microsoft allowed this trend to continue, consumers would have been given the freedom to not choose Microsoft as the only viable vendor for their personal computer operating system.

Microsoft Corp. has been found guilty of breaking the laws of this country. Many consumers and potentially innovative companies have been deeply harmed. Microsoft needs to be punished and the punishment needs to attempt to restore a free marketplace, innovation and competition in the personal computer industry. The proposed settlement does not do this. As a citizen of the United States of America, I look to you to see that justice prevails.

Regards,

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